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Attached is one (1) PTO-1449 sheet listing five (5) U.S. references and two (2) foreign references, along with the European Search Report that listed these references. I hereby certify that the enclosed documents listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 were cited in the attached European Search Report, dated May 19, 2003, as well as the World Intellectual Property Organization International Search Report attached to WO 99/12797. Two of the references are not in English, but English abstracts are provided for both. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the two non-English foreign references.

- (1) EP 0 656 315 A1 describes a lift truck (1) with telescopic arm (3) that has a front axle assembly (6) and a rear axle assembly (7) and mechanical transmission means for transmitting the movement of the motor power unit (5)

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to the front (6) and/or rear (7) axle assembly or assemblies. The motor power unit 5 is arranged transversely with respect to the truck (1) and the mechanical transmission means are situated in a central position.

- (2) WO 99/12797 describes a compact multilane automobile for use in motor sport comprising a chassis (1) with a driving rear axle (2), a water cooled two cycle engine (6), which is laterally arranged next to a driver seat (5), and a crankshaft (10) mounted in the engine crankcase (12). One end of said crankshaft (10) is connected to a chain wheel (21) of a chain drive (9) for actuating the rear axle (2) via a centrifugal clutch (11). The inventive automobile also contains a water pump (38) operated by the crankshaft (10) for circulating cooling water through a water cooler (7) and an electric ignition device (23) for the two cycle engine (6). The invention provides advantageous structural conditions in that the chassis (1) carries an electric battery (24) for supplying electricity to the electric ignition device (23) and the water cooler (7) is arranged directly next to the two cycle engine (6).

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form, page 1, with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

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